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Border Patrol Agents Seize 362 Pounds of Marijuana *Seventh Marijuana Seizure in one week*

Border Patrol Agents from the Yuma Sector seized nearly 362 pounds of marijuana in the desert east of San Luis this morning. The marijuana was valued at \$289,240.00. This was the seventh seizure in one week for Yuma agents.

At 9:20 a.m., agents observed a white Jeep Cherokee enter the United States illegally from Mexico, about seven miles east of San Luis. The agents stopped the vehicle shortly after the entry and arrested a Mexican male suspect for illegally entering the United States. A subsequent search of the vehicle disclosed several large bundles containing marijuana. Custody of the suspect, the marijuana and the vehicle was transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation.

Since the fiscal year began on Oct. 1, 2002, Yuma Sector agents have been involved in 40 seizures of marijuana, totaling 4,696 pounds for a value of \$ 3,757,173.00.

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